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SUBJECT: ILO - REAL AND POTENTIAL DG CANDIDATES FROM  
INSIDE THE ILO

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1. TOP STAFF STRUCTURE OF ILO IMMEDIATELY BELOW DG CONSISTS OF THREE DDG POSITIONS AND FIVE ADG POSITIONS PLUS LEGAL ADVISOR WITH STATUS OF ADG. ALL THESE POSITIONS ARE FILLED WITH EXCEPTION OF ONE DDG POSITION (THAT PREVIOUSLY OCCUPIED BY WILFRED JENKS WHEN HE WAS ELEVATED TO DG IN 1970). AMONG INCUMBENTS OF THESE POSITIONS ARE SEVERAL ACTIVE OR POTENTIAL CANDIDATES TO SUCCEED JENKS.

2. TWO DDG'S ARE AMMAR (EGYPT) AND BLANCHARD (FRANCE). AMMAR IS SENIOR DEPUTY WHO GENERALLY ACTED IN JENKS' ABSENCE. ALTHOUGH AMMAR IS OLDER THAN STIPULATED "EXCEPTIONAL CASE" RETIREMENT AGE OF 65, JENKS HAD KEPT HIM ON AND EXTENDED HIS CONTRACT TO END OF JENKS' TERM, MAY 1975. AMMAR IS NOT CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR GENERAL. BLANCHARD IS THOUGHT TO STILL HAVE AMBITIONS FOR DG JOB AFTER LOSING BY  
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ONLY TWO VOTES IN CONTEST WITH JENKS IN 1970. HOWEVER, TO

KNOWLEDGE OF MISSION GOVERNMENT OF FRANCE HAS NOT ADVANCED HIS CANDIDACY. BLANCHARD'S CONTRACT WITH ILO WAS RENEWED LAST FEBRUARY FOR FIVE YEARS.

3. FIVE ADG'S ARE TEVOEDJRE (DAHOMY), BOLIN (SWEDEN), OHNO (JAPAN), CABALLERO (BOLIVIA), AND ASTAPENKO (BYELORUSSIA). AMONG ADG'S, TEVOEDJRE IS ONLY OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED CANDIDATE FOR DG. DAHOMEY PRESENTED HIS CANDIDACY LAST SUMMER TO SUCCEED JENKS AT CONCLUSION OF HIS TERM. ALTHOUGH RUMORS PERSIST THAT AFRICANS ARE NOT SOLIDLY BEHIND HIM, TEVOEDJRE RECEIVED OFFICIAL ENDORSEMENT OF OAU CHIEFS OF STATE AT THEIR MEETING IN ADDIS ABABA EARLIER THIS YEAR. BOLIN LIKE BLANCHARD IS NOT DECLARED CANDIDATE, BUT IS THOUGHT TO COVET DG JOB. HIS PRINCIPAL SUPPORT COMES FROM WORKERS GROUP OF GB WHERE HE HAD SERVED FOR NUMBER OF YEARS AS SWEDISH WORKER REPRESENTATIVE. THREE REMAINING ADG'S ARE NOT CONSIDERED POTENTIAL CANDIDATES TO SUCCEED JENKS.

4. REMAINING STAFF MEMBER WHO APPARENTLY HAS AMBITIONS TO BECOME DG IS PIERRE BLAMONT (FRANCE), DIRECTOR OF ILO TURIN CENTER FOR ADVANCED TECHNICAL TRAINING. HE HAS NOT BEEN ENDORSED BY GOF AND THERE IS NO INDICATION THAT HE COULD EXPECT TO RECEIVE FROM FRENCH GOVT A GREATER FAVOR THAN BLANCHARD.BASSIN

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